



# Odetta Kuuleilehua Leslie

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**O**detta Kuuleilehua Leslie, 80 of Hilo, Hawaii passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at her sister's home surrounded by her loving family. Her most loving and cherished gift to her family were her comforting words shared with everyone thru out the years, "When it's my time to go, I will leave with a smile on my face because I lived a good life with no regrets, and my children and grandchildren are all doing well." Odetta was born in Hilo, Hawaii and was the proprietress of "Stella's Place" in Hilo. This family business has been in existence for 35 years, after it was established by mom and dad, Vasco and Stella Oliver in 1988. Upon Odetta's retirement from the Department of Transportation, Airports Division in 2004, mom decided to retire from the business and Odetta became the second generation to continue the venture. Stella's Place will now continue under the management of her daughter Lisa Leslie, the third generation, who will follow thru with the family legacy. Odetta will be remembered for her kindness, warm smile, caring heart and gentle spirit. She was a woman of few words, but always spoke out of a heart of compassion. Over the years, she established many lasting friendships with numerous Halaus from Japan and the mainland who would visit her store for her famous Name Brand



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Hawaiian Wear during the Merrie Monarch Festivals. Great friendships were established and still continue thru out these many years.

Odetta is survived by daughters Carleen Leslie of Colorado, Cheryl Leslie and Lisa Leslie of Hilo; grandson Trenton Okinishi; Sister Alberta Kawaauhau, niece Renette Andrade, nephews Daryl (Tammy) Andrade, Brian Andrade, and numerous cousins.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to Hawaii Care Choices for all of the support provided by their Home Care Nurses and Staff.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Glad Tidings Church, 116 Kapiolani Street in Hilo, with visitation from 9 - 10 am and a Memorial service at 10 a.m.





# Events


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## Celebration Of Life

 **Saturday**, May 20, 2023

 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM HST

 **Glad Tidings Church**  
116 Kapiolani Street, Hilo HI





## Tribute Wall

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**Debra (Kekela) Luiz** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to your Ohana on Odetta's passing. She was always such a pleasant woman with a beautiful smile. I am also a relative and remember the family well being the oldest daughter, Debra, of the Kenneth Kekela Ohana and my Mom, Winona from the Louis Kaaukai Ohana. Please know that we keep all of you in our prayers and thoughts, Love and Aloha, Debra (Kekela) Luiz.

May 20 at 4:33 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Odetta by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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